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| Filed: July 26, 2006 |) Hayes, Bert C. |
| For: BLASTING METHOD |) |
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| Total Claims | 14 | 13 | (Over 20) | x \$50 | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | 1 | (Over 3) | x \$210 | 0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) | | | | + \$370 | 0 |
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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

| [x] | Response to the Office Action | [] Petition for Extension of Time (_ months) |
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| | Preliminary Amendment | [] Assignment |
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 1, 2007, the period of response to which is set to expire on January 1, 2008. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: